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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS

1. CONTACT GROUP MET PM DECEMBER 21 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN NAMIBIA INITIATIVE AND AGREED THAT FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS SHOULD BE HELD WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO IN NEW YORK AT SEPARATE LOCATIONS BUT AT THE SAME TIME. GROUP AGREED THAT THESE SO-CALLED "PROXIMITY TALKS" SHOULD BEGIN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17. OUR INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE BOTH PARTIES WITH THE FORMAL WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE TALKS AND TO DISCUSS THAT PROPOSAL AT THE TALKS. THE GROUP REFINED THE PROPOSAL DURING MEETING TODAY, AND LATEST VERSION IS BEING CABLED SEPTTEL. OUR HOPE
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IS THAT MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF EITHER OR BOTH PARTIES CAN BE GENERATED BY: 1) THE PUBLICITY AND EXPECTATIONS SURROUNDING THE TALKS; 2) THE REALIZATION BY BOTH PARTIES THAT THIS IS THEIR LAST CHANCE TO NEGOTIATE; AND 3) THE EFFORTS WHICH FIVE WILL MAKE IN THE MEANTIME TO PRESSURE SWAPO THROUGH THE FRONT LINE STATES, NORDICS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PLAN, GROUP AGREED ON FOLLOWING SCENARIO:

A) WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS: PRETORIA AMBASSADORS APPROACH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT PRIMARILY TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR NOT TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE DISCUSSIONS AT THIS CRUCIAL STAGE. (CONTACT GROUP WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW (DEC 22) TO AGREE ON TALKING POINTS.)

B) TUESDAY, JANUARY 3:

--INVITATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO TRANSMITTED.

--FRONT LINE STATES NOTIFIED OF PLANNED TALKS AND REQUESTED TO URGE SWAPO TO PARTICIPATE.

--DEMARCHE BY AMBASSADORS IN LAGOS ADVISING NIGERIANS (SECURITY COUNCIL PREIDENT IN JANUARY) OF PLANNED TALKS AND REQUESTING THAT NO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE MATTER AT LEAST UNTIL RESULTS OF TALKS ARE KNOWN.)

C) MONDAY, JANUARY 9:

--COPIES OF CONFIDENTIAL WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL ARE PROVIDED TO SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO SO THAT THEY CAN ARRIVE IN NEW YORK WITH INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PROPOSAL.

--COPIES OF PROPOSAL PROVIDED TO FRONT LINE STATES, NORDICS, AND OTHER PARTIES POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL WITH SWAPO (PERHAPS UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI, AND INDIAN AMB TO UN).

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D) TUESDAY, JANUARY 17: TALKS BEGIN.

3. CONTACT GROUP IS CONTINUING TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF WHEN AND IF PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. GROUP IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT DECISION ON PUBLICATION SHOULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL WE SEE HOW TALKS PROGRESS. ALL RECOGNIZED THAT ANY OF THE PARTIES MIGHT MAKE THE PROPOSALS PUBLIC PREMATURELY AND SELECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME THOUGHT THAT A FINAL EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE PRIVATELY BEFORE PUBLICATION AND THAT IN ANY EVENT WE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PUBLISH AT ANY TIME.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE PAPERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE SCENARIO, GROUP AGREED ON THE NEED TO PREPARE A BACKGROUND PAPER ON OUR INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSALS.

5. REQUEST DEPT'S REACTIONS PRIOR TO CONTACT GROUP MEETING 1500 TOMORROW, DEC 22.

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